



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held July 18, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“County Departments functioning separate and apart from one another yet serving the same families is a recurring story that comes to this Board time and again, most recently in the highly-publicized situation wherein the Department of Children and Family Services recently ‘located’ a parent that had supposedly been know to the Child Support Services Department for years.

“In my view, it is a fundamental responsibility of agencies that interact with County residents to work collaboratively to improve service to children and families. Los Angeles County continues to move ever closer to this ideal. However, the story I mention lends further credence to and reemphasizes the need for more service integration. County bureaucracies must communicate with one another. We must view this latest incident as a perfect example of why County agencies must work in collaboration and not in a vacuum.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Burke being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Director of Children and Family Services and County Counsel, in coordination with the Director of Child Support Services to take the following actions and report back to the Board in 45 days:
  - Analyze the circumstances surrounding the highly-publicized situation, wherein the Department of Children and Family Services recently “located” a parent that had supposedly been known to the Child Support Services Department for years; and
  - Develop a comprehensive plan that would foster a stronger partnership and collaboration between the County departments; and

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2. Requested the New Directions Task Force to provide a report back to the Board in 45 days with a full update of its overall service integration efforts, including timelines.

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